

NEGOTIATIONS CEASE IN BIG COAL STRIKE

British Railways Announce Cur-
tailment of Service—London
Traffic Hard Hit.

ASQUITH TO SPEAK TO-DAY

Bristol Dockers Decide Not to
Handle Imported Fuel—French
Miners Vote Strike for
March 11.

London, March 3.—The coal strike, the greatest in the history of the British Isles, is marking time over the week end. One satisfactory feature is the complete absence of any disorder in the districts affected. All negotiations looking to a settlement have ceased, as the leaders who were recently gathered in London have dispersed to various parts of the country to attend to local matters in connection with the strike.

Labor leaders, in speeches during the last day or two, have insisted upon the far-reaching importance of supporting the miners, because now that the government has decided to institute a minimum wage in connection with the mines it will be impossible much longer to withhold the establishment of a minimum wage in all industries. Thus the strike will become a triumph for the cause of labor all around.

The next word is with the government, and Premier Asquith's promised statement to-morrow is awaited with the greatest interest. The parliamentary whips, however, have not yet made any arrangement for the introduction of a minimum wage bill.

Most of the railways announce a further curtailment of their services, beginning to-morrow. Fourteen stations in London will be closed down altogether until the strike ends.

At a mass meeting of the dock workers of Bristol to-day a resolution was adopted to the effect that imports of foreign coal should not be handled.

Paris, March 3.—The possibility of the French miners following the example of the English workers, while remote, nevertheless exists. This subject was discussed by the national congress recently held at Angers, but the decision was left entirely to the discretion of the executive committee of the Miners' Federation, who, it is known, will order a strike only in the event of Parliament acting unfavorably on various reforms for which the miners are now agitating. So that a strike of French miners could not, strictly speaking, be considered a movement in support of the English strikers.

Several district committees of miners have voted in favor of a twenty-four hour strike on March 11, with the possibility of continuing it indefinitely if Parliament does not take the hint. But the attitude of a majority of the miners in France appears to be on the whole conservative, although it is difficult to determine the extent of the influence exercised by the British strike on the minds of the French workers. The executive committee, which met at Lens yesterday, maintained the strictest secrecy with respect to any conclusions reached, but it may be remarked that prominent members of the Anzin Union discredited the act of the secretary of the Anzin committee, who telegraphed on Friday to the British Miners' Federation, congratulating the British workers on the coal strike, and adding: "In a few days the French miners will strike." They declare that he did this on his own responsibility and characterized his action as an abuse of power.

LIEUT. COM. THOMAS BURIED.
Newport, R. I., March 2.—The body of Lieutenant Commander Samuel B. Thomas, U. S. N., who died at Los Angeles on February 2, was buried to-day with military honors. A service, attended by officers from the naval station, was held at Trinity Church, under the direction of the Rev. Stanley C. Hughes, the rector.

The burial was in Berkeley Memorial Church yard, Middletown, where the body of the lieutenant commander was placed beside that of his father, Rear Admiral Charles M. Thomas. Bluejackets from the naval training station acted as escort.



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Brandt was guilty of the crime for which he was punished, and that it is more important that justice should be even-handed and that the law should be administered without favor than that any individual, however vicious or dangerous, should be punished for his crime. His purpose is to meet the issue squarely, he says, and reply to every suggestion that has come to his attention that has been the basis of a claim that in the conduct of the case there was anything unusual or that any deception was attempted or practised upon Brandt or any injustice contemplated or done.

First Makes Some Denials.

In carrying out this expressed purpose Mr. Gans first makes some denials, as follows:

I did not receive a fee of \$25,000 or any other large sum for my services in the Brandt case. My fee was \$1,500.

I did not visit Brandt on a number of occasions while he was in the Tombs. I visited him only once, and that was after his commitment to the Tombs. I saw him as the result of his request that Mr. Gans should call on him.

At that visit I shall tell fully later in this statement.

I did not send Brandt any meals or provide him in any comforts while he was in the Tombs.

Neither did I have anything to do with Brandt's transfer from Sing Sing to Dannemora, nor have we concerned ourselves with his treatment in prison.

Brandt's application for release based on the lying statement forwarded in his statement from the Tombs, which reached us by the hands of Fischel, which I thought later developed in the letter to Senator Nelson, I took the precaution of writing to the judge of the court which I thought of any application for pardon.

I did not meet Mr. Schiff, Judge Rosinsky and Inspector McLaughlin at the Criterion Club or any other place.

To the best of my recollection I have met Inspector McLaughlin but once, in my office, when I went to see him.

I did not attempt to influence the character of the evidence given by him.

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such information as may be obtainable about the convict's past career. The information is used as a basis for questions to the prisoner. It is found in practice that prisoners who are questioned about past acts attributed to them very often deny them at first, and then, when they see that the judge's information is correct, tell the truth for fear that if they say otherwise in a lie the sentence will be increased. Customarily the court weighs only those facts which the prisoner admits to be true. This practice is well known. The stenographer's minutes disclose that it was followed in Brandt's case.

My reference in the letter to the purpose for which I was seeking the further activities of the police, was caused by the fact that those activities were no longer required for the purposes for which I had originally sought them.

I availed myself of those activities originally with a view to securing information for the use of the District Attorney in connection with the defendant at his trial in the event that he became a witness in his own behalf. At the time this letter was written to the inspector the defendant had pleaded guilty. There was, therefore, no need of a further investigation.

My reference to the fact that the inspector might think further activities unnecessary, and I wished to draw his attention to the published statement which I thought the information still to be desirable, namely, that it might be available to the judge when he came to examine the convict for the purposes above described.

In regard to the search of Brandt's room after he was arrested Mr. Gans says:

This was an ordinary police duty. The criticism as to the letters which were delivered to Mr. Schiff was answered by him in his recent public statement. One of them was a copy of a letter which I had written to the judge of the court which I thought the information still to be desirable, namely, that it might be available to the judge when he came to examine the convict for the purposes above described.

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